



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Koch Refining Company Site
1003 Virginia Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract until January 24, 2011.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 10-5956-NRP, will affect approximately 19.978 acres identified by Tax Map Serial Number 502-14-00-002. A company known as Odfjell Terminals (Charleston) LLC wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Odfjell.

The property was first developed in the 1920s as a bulk petroleum storage facility / fuels terminal. Recently the property was used for bulk cement and concrete materials storage. Currently a portion of the property is used for railcar repair. The Cooper River lies east of the property and Virginia Avenue is to the west with residential and commercial development. The Chem-Marine Corporation is north of the property and the Hess Oil and Chemical Company is to the south.

Odfjell intends to construct and operate a bulk liquid tank farm storage and distribution terminal for ships, rail and truck transportation of liquid products. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Odfjell to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the presence of environmental pollution. Odfjell did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Odfjell responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Odfjell will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Odfjell will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Odfjell will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 24, 2011. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email overcajc@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4019, or Alex Fulmer, email fulmerwa@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.